

## **LINKAGE OF CHAFEE FUNDS TO THE CONTINUUM OF SERVICES**

State funds only provide the basics for youth in foster care. The basics include room, board, Medicaid (physical and mental health needs), and clothing allowance. The state funds cannot provide funds to address transitioning services needed to prepare youth for adulthood. Chafee funds allow flexibility for an individualized and creative approach of meeting the child's needs for independence. The Chafee funds meet the youth's need for expenses such as: car repairs, driver's education classes, or anything that might help him/her attain independence.